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CHAPTER 193.

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An act to provide for the Administration of Justice in Cases Passed Feb. 3. of Crimes and Misdemeanors in the City and Precincts

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Judges to be That from and after the first day of March next, the trial and appointed for cognizance of all felonies, and other crimes, offences and misdemeanors, and other matters arising within the city and precincts vested with all of Baltimore, which are at this time cognizable by the Court of the powers of Over and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County, court of over shall be inquired into, heard, tried and determined, within the and terminer. said city and precincts, as follows; that is to say, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, shall issue a commission to three persons of integrity, experience, and sound legal knowledge, residing within the city or precincts of Baltimore, one of whom shall be styled in the said commission Chief Judge of Baltimore City Court, and the other two shall be styled in the said commission, Associate Judges of the said court; and the said Chief Judge and Associate Judges shall hold their commissions during good behaviour, removable according to the constitution of this state, and not otherwise; and from and after the issuing said commission, all the powers, jurisdiction and authority, vested in, and now held and exercised by, the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County, or the justices thereof, within the said city and precincts, shall be and are hereby vested in, and may be rightfully exercised by, Baltimore City Court, or the judges thereof.

2. And be it enacted, That on the commencement of this act To decide all all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, depending in the claims now Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore pending in County, shall be heard, tried and determined, before the justices and terminer. appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act; and that all process which hath been issued or shall issue from the Court of Over and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County, returnable to the next term of the said court, and all recognizances which have been, or shall be taken, returnable to the next term of the said court, shall be returned to the first term of the

court to be holden under this law. 3. And be it enacted, That the judges of Baltimore City Court, To appoint a shall appoint a fit and proper person, as clerk to the said court, who shall receive into his custody all the records, books and proceedings, now remaining in the office of the clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County, and who shall be entitled to receive the same fees as are now allowed by law to the clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore county.

4. And be it enacted, That the clerk of the Court of Oyer and Present clerk Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore County, shall be to be in office clerk of the said Baltimore City Court, until the appointment of pointment. a clerk, as herein before directed, shall have been made by the

judges of the said last mentioned court.

5. And be it enacted, That all that part of Baltimore county, Limits of city which lies within the following lines, shall be deemed, taken and precincts.